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## **Franklin County Dog Shelter**

### **Adoption Center**

#### **Let the vet and the pet help each other**

### **No adoption fees\* for Veterans this week at the Franklin County Dog Shelter**

**Columbus, Ohio – Monday, November 11----** The Franklin County Dog Shelter salutes veterans all this week with a special adoption program in recognition of their service to our country. Adoption fees which are normally \$100 will be waived for veterans this week, November 12-17. The only cost to adopt will be \$22 for the dog license and microchip.\* The shelter is closed on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. Veterans may take advantage of the program starting Tuesday, November 12.

Many studies have shown the beneficial effect a companion animal can provide both mentally and physically, specifically in reducing stress, depression and anxiety. These health benefits are especially important to active or retired veterans who may be suffering as a result of their military service. "It is our hope that the healing abilities of the dogs might benefit the veterans, and at the same time save a shelter dog," said Debbie Finelli, Assistant Director, who conceived the program. "Shelter dogs will in turn get a second chance at life while giving our veterans a second chance at health and happiness."

All dogs adopted from the shelter have been spayed or neutered prior to adoption. The shelter also offers free basic obedience classes for new adopters and their pets. For more information please visit our website at [www.FranklinCountyDogs.com](http://www.FranklinCountyDogs.com).